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I. AMENDMENTS

- Please change the title of the application to the following:

-- METHODS FOR ENHANCING SILICON DIOXIDE TO SILICON NITRIDE SELECTIVITY ---

- Please replace the abstract with the following paragraph:

-- A process for controlling the plasma etch of a silicon dioxide layer at a high etch rate and high selectivity with respect to silicon nitride, particularly in a multilayer structure, by (1) maintaining various portions of the etch chamber at elevated temperatures, and/or (2) using an etch chemistry having a fluorohydrocarbon gas containing at least as many hydrogen atoms as fluorine atoms, preferably CH₂F₂ or CH₃F. --

- Please replace the specification paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4 with the following paragraph:

-- This is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/344,277, filed June 30, 1999, which issued as U.S. Patent Number 6,287,978 on September 11, 2001; which was a continuation of U.S. Applicant Serial Number 08/905,891, filed August 4, 1997, which issued as U.S. Patent Number 6,015,760 on January 18, 2000; which was a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 08/152,755, filed November 15, 1993, which issued as U.S. Patent Number 5,880,036 on March 9, 1999; which was a continuation-in-part of U.S. A[a]pplication Serial Number 07/898,505, filed June 15, 1992, which issued as U.S. Patent Number 5,286,344 on February 15, 1994. --

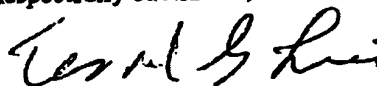
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II. REMARKS

Claims 1-29 have been canceled, and new claims 30-123 are pending. The title of the specification has been changed so that it better relates to what applicant is now claiming by virtue of this response. The cross-reference to related applications paragraph has also been updated. Finally, the Abstract has been amended so that that summary better relates to what applicant is now claiming by virtue of this amendment. These amendments do not constitute the addition of new matter, i.e., matter which is not already present in Applicant's specification as filed.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent attorney at 713-787-1499 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to this submission.

Respectfully submitted,



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